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Continuation of the Criticiſm on the Tragedy of the Duke of Millaine, *by* Maſſinger.

SOME People perhaps may think theſe Extracts from old Plays tedious, or unprofitable, or my Remarks on them too general and conciſe: To which I reply, that the Subjects I have choſen, the Scenes I have quoted, and the Characters I have explain'd, are, in my Opinion, equal, if not ſuperior, to moſt of our modern Performances, and to a judicious Reader afford more true Matter of Entertainment: Let me add, that theſe Plays are not in every Perſon's Hands, as the others are, and therefore, I thought I could not pay my Readers a greater Compliment, than by giving them ſuch a Specimen, as may be call'd Gold refin'd, the Droſs being purg'd away.——As to my Remarks, ſhort as they are, I judg'd them ſufficient to anſwer my End, which was to explain the Fable, ſhew the Author's Drift in every Character and Scene, and point out his Defects, hoping, thereby, to make the Publick more attentive to the Conduct of Plays, and better able to determine the Merits of a Piece, upon the beſt Principles, at a firſt Repreſentation.—In this, as in other Deſigns, I am the firſt, and the *Dramatical Hiſtoriographer* ſeems to have taken his Hint from mine: Not that I accuſe him of ſervile Imitation neither. My Scheme being to explain the Drama of every Play critically, whereas his is to ſum up a Sort of Argument to each, and rather anticipate the Reader's Curioſity, than inform his Judgment, which may be done extempore, by any one who has Memory to retain, and Utterance to relate.——I hope this little Digreſſion will not be thought impertinent in this Place, ſince this is the laſt old Play I ſhall touch upon, and I thought it proper to drop this ſhort Vindication of my Deſign.

To go on with my Criticiſm on *Maſſinger's* Duke of *Millain*, toward the Concluſion of the third Act, *Franciſco* the Duke's Favourite, not being able to prevail with the Dutcheſs in his Deſign upon her Honour, counterfeits a Sorrow for the Attempt, and begs her Forgiveneſs in ſuch artful Terms, that ſhe not only pardons him, but reſolves to treat him with more than ordinary Regard, to be reveng'd of the Duke, for his Deſign on her Life, in caſe ſhe was taken off by the Emperor. At this Inſtant *Sforza* returns, and flying to the Arms of his dear *Marcelia*, with all the Paſſion of a fond, enamour'd Lover, is repuls'd with Coyneſs, and publickly chid, for his indiſcreet Affection. This naturally inflames the Duke with Anger and Reſentment, and he ends the Act with this fine Speech on the Occaſion.

Sfor. I am doubtful whether I have a Being,
But certain that my Life's a Burthen to me.
Take me back good *Peſcara*, ſhow me to *Cæſar*
In all his Rage and Fury, I diſclaim
His Mercy, to live now, which is his Gift,
Is worſe than Death, and with all ſtudied Torments.
Marcelia is unkind, nay worſe, grown cold
In her Affection, my Acceſs of Fervour,
Which it was never equall'd, grown diſtaſteful.
But have thy Wiſhes Woman, thou ſhalt know
That I can be myſelf, and thus ſhake off
The Fetters of fond Dotage. From my Sight
Without Reply, for I am apt to do
Something I may repent. Oh, who would place
His Happineſs in moſt accurſed Woman,
In whom Obſequiouſneſs ingenders Pride,
And Harſhneſs deadly. From this Hour
I'll labour to forget there are ſuch Creatures;
True Friends be now my Miſtreſſes. Clear your Brows,
And tho' my Heart-Strings crack'd for't, I will be
To all a free Example of Delight:
We will have Sports of all Kinds, and propound
Rewards to ſuch as can produce us new.
Unſatisfy'd tho' we ſurfeit in their Store.
And never think on curs'd *Marcelia* more.

Nothing can be more conſiſtent than this whole Series of Buſineſs, *Franciſco* had nothing but Diſſimulation to ſave his Head: *Marcelia*, or any other Woman could not reliſh ſo ſtrange an Inſtance of Fondneſs, as her Huſband's Order that ſhe ſhould not ſurvive him: 'Tis no Wonder, therefore, that ſhe reſolv'd to ſhew her Reſentment for it. And the Duke, ignorant of the revealing his Secret, could not poſſibly with-hold from Rage, at ſo ill a Requital of his Paſſion, which paves the Way moſt judiciouſly for the Cataſtrophe to follow.

Franciſco is now far gone in his Vengeance, the Breach is made between the Duke and his Lady, and, to make it wider, in his next Interview with her, he attributes his Maſter's late violent Paſſion againſt her to his Jealouſy of him, a Stratagem which could not fail of the moſt violent Effects, in ſo haughty a Mind as hers, when manag'd with ſo much Artifice and Addreſs.

Marcelia, Franciſco.

Mar. Your Face is full
Of Fears and Doubts. The Reaſon?
Fran. O beſt Madam,
They are not counterfeit. I your poor Convert,
That only wiſh to live in ſad Repentance,
To mourn my deſperate Attempt of you,
That have no Ends nor Aims, but that your Goodneſs
Might be a Witneſs of my Penitence,
Which ſeen would teach you how to love your Mercy,
Am robb'd of that laſt Hope. The Duke, the Duke,
I more than fear, hath found that I am guilty.
Mar. By my unſpotted Honour, not from me,
Nor have I with him chang'd one Syllable,
Since his Return, but what you heard.
Fran. Yet, Malice
Is Eagle-ey'd, and would ſee that which is not.
And Jealouſy's too apt to build upon
Unſure Foundations. *Mar.* Jealouſy?
Fran. It takes.
Mar. Who dares but only think. I can be tainted?
But for him. tho' almoſt on certain Proof,
To give it Hearing, not Belief, deſerves
My Hate for ever.
Fran. Whether grounded on
Your noble, yet unchaſt Favours ſhown unto me,
Or her Impriſonment, for her Contempt
To you, by my Command, my frantick Wife
Hath put it in his Head.
Mar. Have I then liv'd
So long, now to be doubted? Are my Favours
The Themes of her Diſcourſe? Or what I do,
That never trod in a ſuſpected Path,
Subject to baſe Conſtruction? Be undaunted,
For now, as of a Creature that is mine,
I riſe up your Proteƈtreſs. All the Grace
I hitherto have done you, was beſtowed
With a ſhut Hand. It ſhall be now more free,
Open and liberal. But let it not,
Tho' counterfeited to the Life, teach you
To nouriſh ſaucy Hopes.
Fran. May I be blaſted
When I prove ſuch a Monſter.
Mar. I will ſtand then,
Between you and all Danger. He ſhall know,
Suſpicion o'er-turns, what Confidence builds,
And he that dares but doubt, when there's no Ground,
Is neither to himſelf, nor others ſound.
Fran. So, let it work: her Goodneſs, that deſign'd
My Service, branded with the Name of Luſt,
Shall now deſtroy itſelf. And he ſhall find,
When he's a Suitor, that brings Cunning arm'd
With Power to be his Advocates, the Denial
Is a Diſeaſe as killing as the Plague,
And Chaſtity a Clew, that leads to Death.
Hold but thy Nature, Duke, and be but raſh
And violent enough, and then at Leiſure
Repent. I care not.
And let my Plots produce this long'd-for Birth
In my Revenge I have my Heaven on Earth.

I paſs over abundance of unneceſſary Stuff between this and the next Scene of any Moment, and whoever would read the old Plays with Pleaſure muſt do the ſame; for there are few or none without whole Veins of the like. ——*Franciſco* having laid this Foundation with the Dutcheſs, goes immediately to *Sforza*, and with the ſame Artifice and ſeeming Honeſty, gives the Maſter-ſtroke to his villainous Deſign.

Sfor. Say on my Comfort.
Fran. Comfort? No, your Torment,
For ſo my Hate appoints me, I could curſe
The Hour that gave me Being.
Sfor. What new Monſters
Of Miſeries ſtand ready to devour me?
Let them at once diſpatch me.
Fran. Draw your Sword then.
And as you wiſh your own Peace, quickly kill me,
Conſider not, but do it. *Sfor.* Art thou mad?
Fran. Or if to take my Life be too much Mercy,
As Death indeed concludes all humane Sorrows,
Cut off my Noſe and Ears, pull out an Eye,
The other only left to lend me Light,
To ſee my own Deformities: Why was I born
Without ſome Mulct impoſ'd on me by Nature?
Would from my Youth a loathſome Leproſy
Had run upon this Face, or that my Breath
Had been infectious, and ſo made me ſhunn'd
Of all Societies: Curs'd be he that taught me
Diſcourſe or Manners, or lent any Grace
That makes the Owner pleaſing in the Eye
Of wanton Women, ſince thoſe Parts which others
Value as Bleſſings, are to me Afflictions,
Such my Condition is.

[*To be continued*]

To Mrs. M—y Sh—w, *on ſome Words which were inadvertently ſpoken, and ſhe took ill.*

SAY fair *Corinna*, can you not excuſe,
The bold Attempt of a preſuming Muſe:
Great was the Crime, and conſcious of my Fault,
Returning Reaſon now corrects my Thought;
I ſee my Folly, and my Guilt confeſs:
What can I more your Anger to redreſs?
Forgive the Words that thoughtleſs Rage inſpir'd,
When *Paſſion* govern'd, and when *Anger* fir'd.
Say it was Love, and Love in its Extremes;
For Love, you know, with endleſs Follies ſeems.
However great th' *Offence*, O hear my Pray'r,
Remove thoſe Frowns, and make me not deſpair:
O take the poor Repentant Sinner in;
Be thou my Goddeſs —— and forgive the *Sin*.

W. S.

SATURDAY, *May* 24.

A Few Days ſince a Monument was put up in St. *James*'s Church-Yard, againſt the Church Wall, near the Entrance at the Weſt Door, with the following Inſcription.

SACRED
To the Memory of
EDWARD BROWNE,
Eſquire.

Who was ſeveral Years Under Houſe-keeper of St. *James*'s Palace; alſo one of the Pages of the Bed-Chamber to their Majeſties King *William*, Q. *Anne*, K. *George* I. and II. was always a careful, diligent, and faithful Servant; he died the xvi Day of *December*, A. D. M.DCCXXXIV. Aged LXXXV. and is interred near this Place.

[Price THREE HALF-PENCE.]

N. B. *Advertiſements, of a reaſonable Length, are put in this Paper at Two Shillings and Six-Pence each.*

By his laſt Will he gave to the poor Boys of this Pariſh C Pounds, the like Sum to the poor Girls of St. *Martin's in the Fields*, and the like Sum to the poor Boys of St. *Clement Danes*: Alſo to X poor Houſe-keepers of the laſt named Pariſh, X Pounds to each, and to X poor Inhabitants of St. *Paul's*, *Covent-Garden*, X Pounds a-piece, in all the Sum of five hundred Pounds.

His Executors, being deſirous that theſe his good Deeds ſhould be remember'd, have cauſed this Monument to be fixed here.

It is thought that every one of the Perſons drank to by the preſent Lord Mayor, will pay their Fines to be excus'd from ſerving the Office of Sheriff, and that Sir *John Barnard*, Knt. will be one of the Sheriffs for the enſuing Year, and the Citizens will elect ſuch other Perſon to ſerve with him, as ſhall be agreeable to him, and will as much as poſſible eaſe him of the Trouble, Sir *John's* Attendance being ſo abſolutely neceſſary in Parliament.

In Purſuance of the late Act of Parliament for regulating the Nightly Watch and Beadles in the Pariſhes of St. *George*, *Hanover-Square*, and St. *James*, *Weſtminſter*, the Veſtrys have met and come to a Reſolution to reduce the Beadles of each Pariſh, and increaſe their Salaries, and to augment their Watchmen, chuſing able-bodied Men, to allow each Man one Shilling a Night for his Service, and to oblige them to watch from Ten at Night till Five in the Morning, in the Summer, and from Nine at Night till Seven in the Morning, in the Winter.

A few Days ago as his moſt Serene Highneſs the Prince of *Orange* was coming from the *Hague* to *Helvoetſluys*, to wait the Arrival of his Majeſty, a Chaiſe, in which were ſome of his Domeſticks, was overturn'd, by which Accident one of them broke both his Arms, diſlocated his Neck, and died on the Spot.

Death. Laſt Week died the Rev. Mr. *Phelps*, Miniſter of *Tilbury*, and Chaplain to the Fort.

MONDAY, *May* 26.

Laſt Week a Fiſherman caught a Sturgeon of about nine Feet in Length near the Waterworks at *Chelſea*, which was carried to the Lord Mayor of this City, and by him has been preſented to the Queen.

On Saturday laſt the Seſſions ended at the *Old Baily*, when four Priſoners were tried, three of whom were acquitted, and the other (a Bailiff belonging to *Fulham*) was try'd for wilful and corrupt Perjury, in ſwearing a Reſcue of a Priſoner he had arreſted, againſt a Gentleman in the Commiſſion of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, and ſeveral of the principal Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Fulham*, in order to fix them with the Debt and Coſts of the Perſon he had arreſted, and after a Trial of above four Hours, was found guilty, and ſentenced to ſtand in the Pillory at the End of *Fetter-Lanet*, to be impriſon'd for three Months, to pay a Fine of 6*s.* 8*d.* and find Sureties for his good Behaviour for ſeven Years. After the Trials were over, the Court proceeded to paſs Sentence of Death on the ſix following Perſons, who were capitally convicted, *viz. Charles Peele*, for ſtealing a Bill of Exchange of 170*l.* out of the Houſe of the Hon. *Edward Carteret*, Eſq; *William Hughes*, for the Murder of his Mother; *Elton Lewis*, for the Murder of his Couſin; *John Sutton*, for robbing *William Power* on the Highway of a Silver Watch; *Samuel Gregory*, for robbing Farmer *Lawrence*, and raviſhing his Maid-Servant; and *Thomas Lattimer*, for Horſe-ſtealing. Two were burnt in the Hand.

One of the Sheriffs Officers was fined 10*l.* and committed to *Newgate* till he paid the ſame, for taking half a Guinea from a Perſon ſummon'd on the Jury, to excuſe him from attending the Service of the Court; and was likewiſe obliged to return the half Guinea.

Laſt Wedneſday at the Sittings in the Court of *Common-Pleas* at *Weſtminſter*, before Mr. Juſtice *Forteſcue Aland*, came on a Trial by Proviſo, between *Sarah Cooper* of *Greenwich*, Widow, Plaintiff, and *James Hudgson* of *Ratcliff-Croſs*, Defendant. The Action was for the Maintenance of *Elizabeth Howſon*, Widow, the Plaintiff's Daughter, and *Elizabeth-Hannah Howſon*, an Infant, her Grand-daughter: To ſupport which the Plaintiff endeavour'd to prove, that a Marriage between her ſaid Daughter and the Defendant had been ſolemniz'd ſome Years ago by a very reverend and noted Clergyman of the *Fleet*; and to that End had preſent 23 Witneſſes, three whereof being ſworn and examin'd, gave ſuch Satisfaction to the Court, as to ſet aſide the ſaid pretended Marriage, and gained the Defendant a plauſible Nonſuit. 'Tis to be wiſh'd that theſe *Fleet* Marriages were ſuppreſs'd, that no ſuch vile Attempts ſhould hereafter be made.

At the Court at *Kenſington* the 22d of *May*,
PRESENT,
The Queen's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

His Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales,	Earl of Uxbridge,
Lord Chancellor,	Earl Fitzwalter,
Lord Preſident,	Viſcount Lonſdale,
Lord Privy Seal,	Viſcount Torrington,
Lord Steward,	Lord Hervey,
Lord Chamberlain,	Lord Hardwicke,
Duke of Rutland,	Mr. Speaker,
Duke of Argyll,	Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer,
Duke of Athol,	Mr. Comptroller,
Duke of Kent,	Maſter of the Rolls,
Duke of Ancaſter,	Lord Chief Juſtice Eyre,
Duke of Newcaſtle,	Sir Paul Methuen,
Duke of Chandos,	Sir Charles Wills,
Duke of Dorſet,	Sir Robert Sutton,
Earl of Scarborough,	Henry Pelham, Eſq;
Earl of Grantham,	Sir Charles Wager,
Earl of Selkirk,	Stephen Poyntz, Eſq;
Earl of Ilay,	

The King's Commiſſion, appointing her moſt Excellent Majeſty the Queen Regent over this Kingdom, by the Stile and Title of Guardian of the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, and his Majeſty's Lieutenant within the ſame, during his Majeſty's Abſence, was this Day, by her Majeſty's Command, open'd and read in his Majeſty's moſt Hon. Privy Council; after which his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, and all the Lords and others of the Council who were preſent, had the Honour to kiſs her Majeſty's Hand.

Marriage. On Saturday Capt. *Gee*, Captain of a Troop of Horſe in Col. *Legonier's* Regiment, was married to Miſs *Talbot*, Siſter to *Roger Talbot*, Eſq; Gentleman-Uſher to the Princeſs of *Orange*.

Deaths. On Thurſday laſt the Lady of Baron *Swartz*, having din'd at her Uncle's, Mr. *Da Coſta* at *Totteridge*, and juſt as ſhe was eating a Cherry, ſcream'd out, being taken with a Sort of Convulſion Fits, which held her more or leſs till Friday Night laſt, when ſhe died.——On Saturday died Capt. *Joſias Lewis*, Commander of the *Newcaſtle*, lately arriv'd from *Bombay*, in the Service of the *Eaſt-India* Company.

Edmond Riſing, of *Holt*, in the County of *Norfolk*, Grocer.——*John Mitchalſon*, of the City of *York*, Linnen-draper and Chapman.

TUESDAY, *May* 27.

Yeſterday at Nine in the Morning came on a Trial at the Court of *Common-Pleas*, *Weſtminſter*, before the Hon. Sir *Robert Eyre*, Chief Juſtice of the ſaid Court, wherein *John Philipps* of *Killgetty* in the County of *Pembroke*, Eſq; was Plaintiff, and *Hugh Fowler*, of *Robeſton-Weſt* in the ſaid County, Eſq; was Defendant, in an Action of Debt of 500*l.* upon the Act of Parliament of the ſecond of his preſent Majeſty againſt Bribery and Corruption, wherein the Plaintiff charg'd the Defendant with corrupting and procuring one *Thomas Hoare*, of the Town and County of *Haverford-Weſt*, Corviſor, to forbear to vote for *Eraſmus Philips*, Eſq; (now Member of Parliament for the ſaid Town and County) by the Defendant's corruptly making the ſaid *Hoare* a Promiſe that he would make him *Poſt-Maſter of the ſaid Town and County*; when after a Trial of ſix Hours, and hearing many learned Arguments on both Sides, the Jury found a Verdict for the Plaintiff.

Preferment. Yeſterday came on the Election of a Warden of *Dulwich* College, when the Choice fell on Mr. *Allen*, an Attorney in the *Temple*.

Deaths. On Tueſday died, at her Father's Houſe in *York-Buildings*, of the Small Pox, in the 17th Year of her Age, Miſs *Elizabeth Hinxman*, Daughter of *Joſeph Hinxman*, Eſq; Member of Parliament for *Chriſt-Church* in *Hants*.——On Friday laſt died of the ſame Diſtemper, Mrs. *Beata Hinxman*, Wife to the ſaid *Joſeph Hinxman*, Eſq;——Yeſterday about Five in the Afternoon died at his Vicarage-Houſe, in the 63d Year of his Age, the Rev. *James Knight*, D. D. Vicar of St. *Sepulchre's*, which Benefice he had enjoy'd about 20 Years, and was a Gentleman of great Learning, Piety and Charity, and univerſally belov'd by his Pariſhioners. He has left his Niece who liv'd with him, ſole Executrix. The Living is in the Gift of St. *John's* College, *Oxon*.

WEDNESDAY, 28.

Yeſterday Morning, between Three and Four o'Clock, a young Woman, pretty well dreſs'd, was found drowned in the *New River*, over-againſt Sir *Hugh Middleton's*. In her Pocket was found four Shillings, ſome Halfpence, and a Letter, in which was written, *This Letter will make a very pretty Monument with a Devil gilded at the Top of it, from your drowned Daughter*, Anne Bradley.

Yeſterday Morning one of his Majeſty's Meſſengers brought the good News of his Majeſty's ſafe Arrival at *Hanover* on Wedneſday laſt, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon.

We hear that his Majeſty, in the ſhort Interview he had with the Prince of *Orange* on his landing at *Helvoetſluys*, deſir'd his Highneſs not to go this Campaign to the *Rhine*, his Preſence being more neceſſary in *Holland*.

His Majeſty purpos'd to have landed at *Maeſtandſluys*, the neareſt Port to the *Hague*, in order to have ſeen the Princeſs Royal; but the Wind and Tide ſerving for *Helvoetſluys*, which lies croſs the *Maeſe*, on the South-Side the Iſland *Voorn*, he order'd the Yachts to proceed thither, it ſaving him ſeveral Hours in his Voyage.

Yeſterday the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, in the Preſence of ſix Aldermen, was pleaſed to nominate *John Moſs*, Eſq; Partner with Sir *Francis Child*, as a fit and able Perſon to ſerve the Office of Sheriff of this City and County of *Middleſex* for the Year enſuing.

His Majeſty has been pleas'd to direct Letters Patents to paſs the Great Seal of *Ireland*, for incorporating a Society for the Maintenance of the Widows and Children of the deceas'd Clergymen in the Dioceſe of *Derry*.

On Monday laſt the Barber belonging to the Theatre-Royal in *Covent-Garden*, going to ſhave a Gentleman near *Bloomsbury*, who not being up, he went into the Stable to wait; and going into one of the Stalls to ſtroke a Horſe on the Neck, call'd *Sharper*, the Horſe flew at his Head, tore off his Hat and Wig, and his Left Ear cloſe to his Head, and eat the Ear. The Barber is very well, but it is thought will never be able to appear in a Cue Wig.

Yeſterday Sir *Richard Brocas* committed a Money-Dropper to the *Poultry* Compter for cheating a young Man of a Silver Watch and ſome Money, under falſe Pretences, and at cutting of Cards.——This of late is become a very common Practice; there are daily Fellows plying at *Fleet Ditch*, about *Chancery-Lane* End in *Fleet-Street*, and other Places, to watch if any Countryman or aukard Fellow paſſes along, they immediately after him, and then getting juſt before him, drop Half a Crown or a Crown, which the other Companion takes up, tells the Countryman, *&c.* of his good Luck, and offers him a Pint of Wine, or a Mug of Beer, in order to get him into a Publick Houſe, when there, Cards are produc'd, or a Girdle to prick at, and thus they trick People out of their Money. It's ſurprizing theſe Sort of Fellows are not proſecuted at the publick Charge: There are 15 or 16 now follow the Practice, all youug Fellows.

Deaths. The Right Hon. *Scroop* Viſcount *How*, Baron of *Clonawly* in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, Governor and Captain-General of the Iſland of *Barbadoes*, died there the 29th of *March* laſt. The Lady Viſcounteſs *How* died three Days after his Lordſhip.

Bankrupts. Edward Frith, late of *Stepney-Cauſeway, Middleſex*, Mariner and Merchant, ——*Benjamin Haylor*, of *Southwark, Surrey*. Dealer in Wines and Chapman.——*James Robinſon*, late of *Stockport, Cheſhire*, Grocer.

THURSDAY, *May* 29.

Laſt Sunday Night the Lady *Grace Vane*, Siſter to his Grace the Duke of *Cleveland*, and Wife to the Hon. *Henry Vane*, Eſq; Repreſentative in Parliament for St. *Maves* in *Cornwall*, was ſafely deliver'd of a Daughter, at his Houſe in *Groſvenor-ſtreet*.

By an Expreſs which arriv'd on Tueſday Night from *France*, we are aſſur'd that Part of the Fleet of *Breſt* were to ſail for *Cadiz* as that Day, to join the *Spaniſh* Fleet.

We are well aſſur'd that ſeveral Merchants of this City ſent different Letters by Tueſday's Mail to their Correſpondents abroad, and Captains of Merchant Ships, to make the beſt of the Markets, and to come home directly.

The *French* and *Spaniſh* Courts are greatly alarm'd at the Fleet his Majeſty has been pleaſed to order to *Lisbon*. 'Tis aſſur'd, they try'd their utmoſt Efforts to prevent its ſailing; but his Majeſty was not to be remov'd from the Glory of ſaving a defenceleſs Nation, who has no Friend but *Great Britain* capable of aſſiſting her.

'Tis impoſſible for an *Engliſhman*, diſtinguiſh'd the Univerſe over for his good Nature and Generoſity, not to feel a Glow of Pleaſure when he ſees his Navy at that Height of Power as to be able to ſave a Kingdom, menaced by Princes poſſeſs'd of ten Times its Force, and to find the Terror a *Britiſh* Squadron is capable of ſpreading amongſt a People who have the Mines of *Peru* and *Mexico* to ſupport them.

The Ships under the Command of Sir *John Norris*, bound to *Lisbon*, ſail'd on Tueſday Morning from St. *Helen*'s, with a fair Wind at N. E.

We hear that Lord *Clinton*, and his Brother the Hon. Mr. *Forteſcue*, going to take their Leaves of Sir *John Norris* at *Spithead*, and being on board the *Britannia* at Dinner when the Wind prov'd fair, Sir *John* made a Propoſal to them to go along with him, and that they have accordingly accepted it.

We hear that Sir *John Norris* has declar'd, that he never ſaw a Squadron better mann'd, nor the Men better diſciplin'd, than thoſe on board the Ships he at preſent commands.

Private Letters from *Lisbon* intimate, that his *Portugueſe* Majeſty had offer'd to confer the Command of his Army on a certain Foreign Miniſter reſiding there, who had accordingly wrote to his Court for Leave to accept the ſame.

And that the Emperor had agreed to ſend 600 experienc'd Land-Officers into the *Portugueſe* Service.

There was very little Sport at *Guildford* on Tueſday laſt for the King's Plate of 100 Guineas, Mr. *Bertie*'s Horſe running away from all the other Horſes, hard held; ſo that after the firſt Heat, barring Accidents, it was 10*l.* to a China Orange.

On Tueſday laſt two Galloways run at *Wimbleton* for 40*l. viz.* Mr. *Perry*'s Grey Horſe of *Lambeth*, and Mr. *Sydebottom*'s Black Mare from *Staffordſhire*; the Odds at Starting were five to three, and the ſame was won by the latter.

Laſt Monday Night about Eleven o'Clock, a Boat coming up the River from *Greenwich* to *Billingsgate*, with ſeveral Paſſengers in it, was unfortunately over-ſet againſt *Cuckold's-Point*, occaſion'd by ſome of the Paſſengers riſing up on one Side; by which unlucky Accident, one of the Watermen, and two of the Paſſengers were drowned, and the reſt were with great Difficulty taken up by ſeveral Boats paſſing by.

On Monday laſt a Woman was committed to *New Priſon* on the Oath of one *Cammeron*, for conveying away two Infants, born of the Body of the Wife of the ſaid *Cammeron* on Saturday laſt, and on a Suſpicion of having murder'd them both.

Yeſterday upwards of 200 Men were employ'd in making a new Gravel-Walk and Coach-Road, leading from *Hyde-Park-Corner* to *Kenſington*, as near the Inſide of the Wall next *Knightsbridge* as poſſible in the ſaid Park; and that the other Road is to be fill'd up, and the Lamps and Poſts to be taken away, and fix'd on the Sides of the new Road when finiſh'd.

The Horſe which lately bit the Marquis *de Chabannes*, a Brigadier in the *French* Army, by the Head, in ſuch a violent Manner that his Life is deſpair'd of, was lately brought to the *French* Camp from *England*, where he had been bought up with a String of fourteen others for Service of the *French* Officers: The Marquis was taking a View of him, and to try his Spirit gave him a Laſh with his Whip, but the *Briton* reſenting it, turn'd about in an Inſtant, and lugg'd Monſieur by the Ears till he caper'd.

Preferment. The Lord Biſhop of *Exeter* has appointed the Rev. Dr. *Fuzman* to be Chancellor of the Dioceſe of *Exeter*, in the room of the Rev. Dr. *Stuart*, deceas'd.

Deaths. On Tueſday Morning died *John Harper*, Eſq; one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, and Grocer to his Majeſty, alſo Major of the *Weſtminſter* Militia.——On Monday laſt died ſuddenly at *Sheerneſs*, *Henry Fiſher*, Eſq; Store-keeper of the Ordnance there.

FRIDAY, *May* 30.

Yeſterday being the Anniverſary of the happy Reſtoration of King *Charles* II. after about twelve Years Exile, the Morning was uſher'd in with Ringing of Bells, at Noon the great Guns at the *Tower* and *Park* were fired, there was a numerous and ſplendid Court at *Kenſington*, and the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Aldermen in their Scarlet Robes, preceded by the City Muſick and Regalia, went in State to St. *Paul*'s Cathedral; and the Evening concluded with Bonfires, Fireworks, Illuminations, and other Demonſtrations of Joy.

On Wedneſday Evening the Coroner's Jury finiſh'd their Enquiry into the Death of the two Children of which *Cammeron*'s Wife was lately deliver'd (as mention'd before) and for which a Midwife was committed to *New Priſon* on Suſpicion of having murder'd them, and brought in their Verdict, that one was ſtill-born, and the other died a natural Death; upon which the Woman is admitted to Bail, her Innocency appearing very plain to the Jury.

Two Hay-makers, who work'd with a Farmer at *Newington*, being diſcharg'd on Wedneſday Morning, one of them, knowing the other had Money, intic'd him the next Day to *Hornſey*, under a Pretence of getting Work, and in *Hornſey-Wood*, bidding him ſee *London* before him, while he was looking, took the Opportunity of knocking him down with his Pitchfork, which cut his Head in a barbarous Manner; upon which the poor Fellow begg'd that he would not murder him; he anſwer'd, *Damn you, what do you think I brought you here for?* However, on the Fellow's giving him one Guinea, two Half Guineas, and nine Shillings and Six-pence in Silver, he made off without doing him any further Miſchief; but an Alarm being ſoon made, he was purſued, and run into a Field near *Hornſey* Church, and hiding the Money threw himſelf into a Ditch, and pretended to be aſleep; but the Purſuers ſoon found him, and by fair Promiſes made him confeſs the Fact, and fetch the Money from where he had hid it: He was brought to *Hicks's-Hall* before the Bench of Juſtices, and by them committed to *Newgate*. The Perſon robb'd liv'd ſeveral Years with Mr. *Guiſe* of *Wisbich*. The Robber ſaid he was a *Cambridgeſhire* Man.

Mr. *Iſaac Stockport*, of *Stockport* in the County of *Cheſter*, was on Tueſday Night laſt found hanged at his Lodgings in *Black-Friers:* He came to *London* ten Days ago to receive ſome Money, and it is thought that the Diſappointment of it was the Occaſion of this Diſaſter.

Yeſterday in the Afternoon, Miſs *Margaret Shepherd*, Daughter of *Henry Shepherd* of *Eſſex*, Eſq; as ſhe was riding to *Fulham*, had the Misfortune to fall from her Horſe, and broke one of her Arms. She was carried to her Father's Houſe in *New Bond-ſtreet*, where ſhe lies very ill. She was to be married on the 12th of *June* next to a Gentleman of great Fortune.

On Tueſday laſt the Lady of *William Trumbull*, Eſq; Son of the late Sir *William Trumbull*, Knt. Secretary of State to King *William*, (Daughter of the Lord Viſcount *Blundell*) was brought to Bed of a Daughter, at his Houſe in *Gerrard-ſtreet*.

On Wedneſday laſt a great Cricket-Match was play'd on *Croydon-Common*, between the Gentlemen of *London* and thoſe of *Croydon*, for a very conſiderable Sum of Money, which was won by the former with very great Eaſe.

His Excellency the *Portugueſe* Envoy has had a private Audience of her Majeſty at *Kenſington*, and deliver'd Letters, written by the King's own Hand, to thank his Majeſty for the Reſolution he has taken of ſending a Fleet to *Portugal*, and to aſſure him, that the Obligations due to *Great Britain* for ſuch a powerful Aſſiſtance, will never be forgotten by him or his People.

His Excellency was afterwards entertain'd by the Right Hon. the Lord *Baltimore*, Lord of the Bed-Chamber to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales* in waiting; as were alſo his Excellency Mr. *de Thom*, Envoy from *Saxe-Gotha*, and ſeveral other Perſons of Quality and Diſtinction.

Marriage. Yeſterday —— *Dorrell*, Eſq; was married to Miſs *Wood*, youngeſt Daughter of —— *Wood*, of *Littleton* near *Sunbury* in *Middleſex*, Eſq; a young Lady of 10,000*l.* Fortune.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THEY write from *Lisbon*, that the Expectation of a Visit from the *Spanish* Navy having spread an universal Consternation in that City, particularly amongst the Merchants interested in the Fleet bound home from the *Brazils*, richly laden, the News of a *British* Squadron being shortly to come to *Portugal*, had fill'd both Court and City with the greatest Joy imaginable, and all possible Preparations were making to give it a suitable Reception. His *Portuguese* Majesty has but three Men of War in any Manner of Condition, so has arm'd and mann'd out a large Number of small Vessels, in order to cruize about the Mouth of the *Tagus*, to give Notice if any *Spanish* Ships arrive. All the Forts of that River are put into a State of Defence. The Troops which the King has sent to lie on the Frontiers increase daily, by the Zeal his Subjects shew in procuring Levies; and several Noblemen have arm'd their Vassals, and propose to subsist them at their own Expence, for his Majesty's Service. 'Tis computed the *Portuguese* Troops are by this Means about 30,000 in Number. The *Spaniards* under the Marquis *de Spinola* are about 15,000; that General having been oblig'd, for want of Men, to incorporate with his Troops the *Imperialists* brought Prisoners of War from *Italy*, these desert daily in great Numbers, and entice away several of the *Spaniards* with them. Prince *Don Emanuel*, and the other *Portuguese* Generals, are at *Elvas*, or the Frontiers towards *Spain*. They are in Expectation of the Officers which the Emperor has given Leave to enter into his *Portuguese* Majesty's Service, to put the Troops into a proper Discipline and Order. The King of *Portugal*'s Manifesto is ready, but its Publication was deferr'd till the Return of a Courier sent to *London*. 'Tis said to be a very curious Piece, and that it discloses several Particulars which took their Rise from the Motives to the double Marriage between *Spain* and *Portugal* in 1728.

They write from *Madrid*, that his *Catholick* Majesty has given Orders for augmenting to 20 Sail the Ships intended to cruize upon the Coasts of *Portugal*. 'Tis remark'd, that this Augmentation was not order'd till after the Arrival of the two last Couriers sent by the Count *de Montijo* from the Court of *London*. Orders have been likewise sent to *Catalonia* and the other Provinces, to detach all the Troops that can be spar'd, to join the Forces on the Frontiers. These Forces are advanc'd from *Estremaduras* and *Andalusia*, as if they meant to enter *Portugal*; and some of the General Officers who remain'd at *Madrid*, were to set out in a few Days after the Date of our Letters to join the Army. The *Algerines* lately made an Attempt upon the *Moors* near *Oran*, who have submitted to his *Catholick* Majesty, but were defeated, and obliged to return with Loss. Several *Neapolitan* Noblemen, suspected of being in the Interest of the Emperor, have been order'd to go and reside in *Spain*, to be under the Eye of the Court.

The King of *Spain* has taken all the Seamen out of the Flota at *Cadiz*, bound to the *Indies*, in order to man his Squadron design'd against *Portugal*; so that the Flota, in all Probability, will not sail this Year.

The Armies on the *Rhine* and in *Italy* are now in the Field, and threaten every Moment some considerable Action.

The *German* Parties continue to scour the Countries round, and bring off all they find. They have lately defeated two Detachments of *French*, and made a great Number of Prisoners.

They are making an exceeding rich Crown at *Messina* for the Coronation of *Don Carlos*: The Ceremony is to be perform'd at *Palermo*.

The *Neapolitans* begin to grow sick already of their new Masters: They write from *Naples*, that there had been actually an Insurrection in *Calabria*, and that 1500 Men had been sent back from *Sicily*, lest it should spread amongst the People in the other Provinces.

An epidemical Distemper has broke out at *Nice* in the King of *Sardinia*'s Dominions, and carries off abundance of People in 24 Hours after they are taken sick.

The Pope is determin'd to acknowledge *Don Carlos* for King of *Naples* and *Sicily*, in order to reconcile himself with his *Catholick* Majesty.

They write from *Brussels*, that the *Bavarian* Minister has declar'd in the Diet of *Ratisbon*, that he made no Question but the Differences would be soon terminated between the Emperor and the Elector his Master; and that his Highness would send his Contingent to the Army, and pay his 30 *Roman* Months like the other Princes.

A Detachment of 20 Dragoons and 40 Hussars, of the Allies Troops, were attacked in the Village of *La Taillade*, about two Miles from *Guastalla*: The Sieur *de Buzelay*, Lieutenant of the Regiment of Dragoons of the Dauphin, who commanded them, imprudently pursued some Hussars, who enticed them out to the Bulk of their Troops, whence issued 200 Horse and Hussars to charge them; and in his Retreat he found 100 *Croatians* planted in Cassines upon his Road, who made a terrible Fire upon him; so that being vigorously attacked on all Sides, and not being able to stand it, he was taken Prisoner, together with the greatest Part of his Troop, whereof but five Dragoons and eight Hussars got home; the rest being either killed or taken.

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